



# **MVHS Scholarship Newsletter #4- Class of 2024**



January 22, 2024

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **Where can I get an application for a scholarship?**

Unless it specifically gives an online address, copies are found in the lobby of the Counseling Office. PLEASE do NOT take the last copy of a scholarship. Let Mrs. Tice know that copies are running low. 😊

### **Who sends the application?**

If you do not have to apply online, this one is simple. If it says "Return to Mrs. Tice" on the scholarship newsletter, you return it to me and I will print your transcript and mail it for you. If not, you mail the application on your own. Mrs. Tice is happy to mail any applications.

### **Are deadlines really deadlines?**

Yes, yes, yes. If you miss a deadline, chances are you missed your chance at a scholarship. Please adhere strictly to deadlines.

### **What if a scholarship application asks for tax information?**

You need to use your parent's tax info from 2022- only the first two pages. Always be sure to **white out social security numbers for safety measures.**

### **What if a scholarship application asks for SAT or ACT scores?**

In most cases, you can download the report straight from the website (College Board for SAT, ACT.org for ACT). If you need help with this, see your counselor or Mrs. Tice.

### **Should I have someone proofread my essays?**

YES! I would recommend your English teachers first or a counselor if your English teacher is not available.

### **How will I know if I won a scholarship?**

Most scholarships will contact you directly, and you need to then notify Mrs. Tice. Some may be surprises on Awards Day.

### **Who should I ask to complete my recommendations?**

Most of the time the teachers who know you best are the ones who should be writing your recommendations. Always provide them with an academic resume. **Please always thank your recommenders. A thank you note is appropriate for anyone who writes you a recommendation. Also, remember to give them time (2 weeks preferably) to write a recommendation.**

## Current Scholarships as of January 22, 2024

Name of Scholarship/ Contest	State or Local	Due Date	Amount Awarded	Information
Vocational Rehab Journalism contest	State	Jan 26	Full tuition and fees to a four year SC college or university	NO GPA requirement. One applicant will received full tuition to a SC college. Must write a 3 page article on the theme "Advancing Access and Equity" for people with disabilities. Info available in Counseling Office and at <a href="https://www.scvrd.net/172/Annual-Journalism-Contest#:~:text=About%20the%20Contest,for%20undergraduate%20tuition%20and%20fees">https://www.scvrd.net/172/Annual-Journalism-Contest#:~:text=About%20the%20Contest,for%20undergraduate%20tuition%20and%20fees</a> .  <b>Due Jan. 25 for Ms. Tice to mail or mail on your own.</b>
Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund Scholarships	State	Jan 31	\$2000-\$5000 Several different scholarships available	Several different scholarships for students who plan to attend college in SC, 2.5/4.0, and major in specific areas including wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science or environmental science, print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications, law enforcement / criminal justice / forensics / forensic science <b>Check out the website for all the details. Ms. Tice will mail it for you if returned by Jan 30<sup>th</sup>.</b> <a href="https://hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarships/">https://hamptonwildlifefund.org/scholarships/</a>
<b>*NEW:</b> South Carolina Federal Credit Union	State	Jan 31	9 awards ranging from \$2500- \$10,000	Application to include a short essay (500 words or less), Rec letter, transcript, and photo needed. Must be planning to attend a 2 or 4 yr college in South Carolina. Apply online: <a href="https://www.scfederal.org/scholarship">https://www.scfederal.org/scholarship</a>
Dixie Softball Scholarship	National	Feb 1	Amount varies	Applicants must have participated in a Dixie softball program for at least 2 seasons. Applications are available outside Ms. Tice's office or online at: <a href="https://dt5602vnjxv0c.cloudfront.net/portals/2106/docs/new%20dixie%20softball%20scholarship%20application.pdf">https://dt5602vnjxv0c.cloudfront.net/portals/2106/docs/new%20dixie%20softball%20scholarship%20application.pdf</a> Ms. Tice will mail if returned by Feb 1
<b>***</b> Gregg Graniteville Foundation	Local	Feb 1	\$7000/year Renewable (\$28,000 total)	Applicants live in Gregg Park service boundaries and have 2.75/4.0 GPA; Can be used for 2 or 4 year school. Applications are available outside Mrs. Tice's office. Short app, tax forms, transcript, and SAT/ACT score. A writing sample and interview will follow at a later date. <b>Must be returned to Ms. Tice by 3:00 pm on Feb 1 for Ms. Tice to deliver OR you can email</b>

Garden Clubs of South Carolina	Local and State	Feb 1	\$500-\$2000	Several different scholarships to apply for; Most (not all) require you to major in something related to horticulture and/or have experience with horticulture. Requires personal essay, photo and letters of recommendation including Garden Club President; Applications outside of Ms. Tice's office or online at: <a href="https://gardenclubofsc.org/Scholarships">https://gardenclubofsc.org/Scholarships</a> (Go to scholarship info kit); Must be emailed
James Byrnes Foundation Scholarship	State	Feb 1	\$4500 (renewable every year) \$10,000 total	To be eligible, a student must have at least 1 parent who is deceased, have financial need, and plan to attend a 4 year college/university. Applications will open on Jan 2 and must be emailed. Info is in Counseling Office or <a href="https://www.byrnessscholars.org/">https://www.byrnessscholars.org/</a>
Zeta Phi Beta	Local	Feb 2	\$500	Applicants should be minority female students who have a min 2.5/4.0 GPA; Essay, App, photo, 2 letters of recommendation, transcript are required and must be planning to attend a 4 yr college; Applications are in Counseling office. Apps can be emailed in one PDF document (see Ms. Tice for help).
SRNS/ Family Scholarship	Local	Feb 2	\$3000 (15 scholarships awarded)	Open to sons and daughters of active full service employees of SRNS/SRR; Written applications in counseling office or email Ms. Tice for electronic application. Counselor part of application must be given to Mrs. Tice by Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> . Apps must be emailed by Feb 2. A copy of the application is outside of Guidance.
*****Watson Brown Foundation Scholarship	Local	Feb 8	\$6000/ year Renewable (\$24,000 total)	Plan to attend a 4 year college; Requires 1 letter of recommendation, essay, transcript. Info in Counseling Office. ANYONE PLANNING TO ATTEND A 4 YEAR COLLEGE SHOULD APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP. <a href="https://www.watson-brown.org/scholarship/">https://www.watson-brown.org/scholarship/</a> Don't wait until the night before!
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	National	Feb 15	\$500-\$5000 (10,000 scholarships awarded)	Application opens Jan 1. Applicants should be of Hispanic heritage, US citizen or permanent resident, 3.0/4.0 GPA, complete FAFSA, and plan to attend a 4 year college. Apply online: <a href="https://www.hsf.net/scholarship">https://www.hsf.net/scholarship</a>
SC Law Enforcement Officers Association	State	Feb 16	1-\$3000 2-\$2000	Application, transcript and 1000 word essay regarding criminal justice is required. Must attend college (2 or 4 yr) in SC. Applications in counseling office or online at: <a href="https://www.scleoa.org/scholarships">https://www.scleoa.org/scholarships</a> App must be mailed. Give to Ms. Tice by Feb 15 for her to mail for you
Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program	State	Feb 19	5 scholarships of \$2000 each	Competition for Creative writing, dance, music, theatre or visual arts; must submit original compositions or folios. Info in Counseling office but applications are online at: <a href="https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards/grants-and-awards/archibald-rutledge-scholarship-program/">https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards/grants-and-awards/archibald-rutledge-scholarship-program/</a>  Due by Feb. 17 if you want Ms. Tice to mail

Aiken Electric Touchstone Energy Application	Local	Feb 26	2 \$1000 scholarships	<p>Applicant's primary residence must have an active account with Aiken Electric; \$1000 scholarship for student attending 2 year school and \$1000 for students attending a 4 year school; Apply online: <a href="https://www.cognitofrms.com/AikenElectricCooperative/2024TouchstoneEnergyScholarshipApplication">https://www.cognitofrms.com/AikenElectricCooperative/ 2024TouchstoneEnergyScholarshipApplication</a></p> <p>References must be mailed in before Feb 26</p>
Aiken Electric Trustee Scholarship	Local	Feb 26	\$1000	<p>Applicant's primary residence must have an active account with Aiken Electric; Must submit 150-200 words explanation of why scholarship is needed. Apply online: <a href="https://www.cognitofrms.com/AikenElectricCooperative/2024TrusteeScholarshipApplication">https://www.cognitofrms.com/AikenElectricCooperative/ 2024TrusteeScholarshipApplication</a></p> <p>References must be mailed in before Feb 26</p>
Peach State Federal Credit Union Scholarship	Local	Feb 29 by 6:00 pm	\$3000	<p>One recipient will be chosen from Aiken County Schools based on financial need, academic credentials, and commitment to community service. Essay, application, 2 letters of reference, SAT/ACT scores and transcripts. Applications are <u>all</u> online: <a href="https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/a0DHq00000mtEDdMAM">https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/a0DHq00000mtEDdMAM</a></p>
<b>NEW:</b> Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship	National	Feb 29	Multiple \$2000 scholarships	<p>Applicants must have participated in Dixie Youth Baseball when 12 years or younger. Application requirements: 1 page essay, signed statement from a local official, letter from parent, ACT/SAT scores, statement from counselor with GPA and class rank, digital photo that is emailed. <u>Return to Mrs. Tice by Feb. 29 for her to mail for you..</u></p>
CNTA (Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness)	Local	Feb 29	\$1000 winner; several \$500 winners	<p>Choose from 3 science topics and write a 1000- 1500 word essay. Submit student entry and essay via email. Info in the counseling office and online at: <a href="https://cntaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Complete-Entry-Form-Packet-for-2023-Essay-Contest.pdf">https://cntaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Complete-Entry-Form-Packet-for-2023-Essay-Contest.pdf</a></p>
<b>NEW:</b> Marine Corps Scholarship Foundations	National	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Varies	<p>Applicant must be biological child of someone who served in Marines. Scholarships available for 2 or 4 year school as well as trade schools. Must apply online at: <a href="https://mcsf.scholarshipapps.org/faq.cfm">https://mcsf.scholarshipapps.org/faq.cfm</a></p>

<b>NEW:</b> Advocates for African Americans Carolinas Scholarship	NC and SC students	Mar 1 at 5:00 pm	Varies but typically \$2000	Applicants must be: Graduating senior at a North or South Carolina high school; 3.5/4.0 minimum GPA.; Must attend full-time at a four-year college or university located in North or South Carolina; Must enroll in engineering, computer science, the sciences, accounting, finance or business administration; from website: Must be an American citizen and a member of a race/ethnic category typically considered "people of color." Finalists must agree to an interview with the scholarship selection committee. Apply online at: <a href="https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx">https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx</a>
<b>NEW:</b> SC Association of Extension Administrative Professionals	State	March 7	\$1000	Applicants should be planning to pursue a career in the fields of admin office technology, accounting, business management, or business admin. Must have 3.0/4.0 GPA. Requirements include transcript, 2 letters of rec, academic resume, and 1 page essay about career goals and need for scholarship. Applications in Counseling Office and <u>return to Ms. Tice on March 7<sup>th</sup></u> for her to mail.
<b>NEW:</b> Martha Schofield Scholarship Fund	State	March 8	\$500-\$2000	Applicants must have direct descendant of an alumna or an employee of Martha Schofield High School in Aiken. Application, copy of tax returns, acceptance letter, sealed transcript, college expenses and photo. Must be mailed. Applications in Guidance lobby and <u>Ms Tice will mail</u> if turned in by Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>
Nina Neeley Scholarship Essay	State	March 8	3 awards (\$400-\$1000)	Applicants should be planning to attend any college/university. NO GPA requirements. Application and essay must be mailed. Apps in counseling office. <u>Mrs. Tice will mail if you submit by March 7<sup>th</sup></u> . If you mail on your own, its due March 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>NEW:</b> "Ride of your Life" State Fair Scholarship	State	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Over 50 scholarships worth \$1500 each year (renewable)	<b>**Application opens Feb.1 **</b> Applicants can be planning to attend 2 or 4 year college; Applicant will be judged based on need, academic and extra-curricular achievement, communication skills, and on aptitude for completion of application. Must apply online at: <a href="https://www.scstatefair.org/scholarships/">https://www.scstatefair.org/scholarships/</a>
<b>NEW:</b> SC Education Association-Retired	State	March 21 <sup>st</sup> to Mrs. Tice (she <u>must</u> mail)	\$1000 (4 scholarships given)	Applicants can be planning to attend 2 or 4 yr college and plan to pursue a career in EDUCATION; App, short essay, 2 letters of rec, transcript, financial status report (provided), optional SAT/ACT scores. Ms. Tice must mail on March 21st. Apps in Counseling office and <u>must return to Ms. Tice to mail</u>

<b>NEW:</b> Aiken County Democratic Women's Club Scholarship	Local	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	4 awards of \$500 each	Applicants should be females with 2.5/4.0 GPA, and registered voter (enclose proof of registration). Short application, college acceptance letter, 2 letters of rec, voter registration, sealed transcript, list of activities and leadership skills, guidance counselor signature, and 500-1000 word essay on "Your Perspective: Democracy and Future Leaders & the Voting Rights Act of 1965." <u>Return to Mrs. Tice</u> by March 26 <sup>th</sup> for her to mail.
Jumpstart Scholarship- Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology	Local	No date provided	\$500-\$1500	Students who are interested in attending Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology can be awarded these scholarships: GPA 3.5/4.0- \$1500 for Cosmetology or \$1000 for Esthetics GPA 2.7/4.0- \$1000 for Cosmetology or \$500 for Esthetics Other scholarships available as well in Counseling office

National Websites for Scholarship Searches:

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

<https://www.raise.me/>

[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)

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